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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the substitute specification (clean copy), please amend the paragraph at page 5 lines 3 – 11, as follows:

--In their Master Thesis, "Support Qos in IP over ATM", June 1997 (1997-06), National Taiwan University of Science and Technology, Taipei, Taiwan, (available online), Gung-Chou Lai and Ruay-Shiung Chang state that ~~a determination regarding the path over which a data packet is to be routed in a switching system can be made in the switching system on the basis of a field TOS (type of service) in the header of data packets to be switched or transmitted. However, their presentation has nothing to do with re-routing of data packets of a packet switching network onto at least one alternate network. On the contrary, the data switching or transmissions uses the same switching system~~ it is possible in a switching system to use the field TOS (Type of Service) in the header part of data packets which are to be switched or transmitted to determine whether an existing Virtual Channel is used or a new Virtual Channel has to be initiated.--